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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 239445 ACTION LONDON 26 SEP 76.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 239445

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: LUSAKA STATEMENT BY FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS

1. PLEASE DELIVER TO CROSLAND THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL
MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY. BEGIN TEXT;

DEAR TONY:

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WITH REGARD TO THE STATEMENT ISSUED IN LUSAKA TODAY BY
THE FIVE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW I
CONSIDER IT ON THE WHOLE A POSITIVE ONE. THE AFRICANS
SEEM TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE VIEW THAT A TRANSITIONAL

GOVERNMENT SHOULD PRECEDE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE--
WHICH IS WHAT WORRIED ME MOST.

I BELIEVE THE IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO MOVE RAPIDLY -
AND DECISIVELY TO CONVENE THE CONFERENCE--PREFERABLY
IN LIVINGSTON--AND TO AVOID PUBLIC DEBATE OVER WHATEVER
DIFFERENCES REMAIN BETWEEN THEIR STATEMENT AND OUR
SCENARIO. WE WILL OF COURSE STICK BY ANNEX C, BUT I
DO NOT RPT NOT THINK WE SHOULD AT THIS POINT MAKE AN
ISSUE OF IT.

WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY. END TEXT.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO PASS TO CROSLAND THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT BEING RELEASED BY DEPARTMENT:

QUOTE. WE HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN
PRESIDENTS IN LUSAKA AND WELCOME IT. THEY HAVE
ACCEPTED THE BASIC PROPOSAL WHICH WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY
RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN TWO YEARS. THEY HAVE ALSO
ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING TO ESTABLISH
THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDEPENDENCE. THE US IS NOW CONSULTING WITH THE
UNITED KINGDOM WITH RESPECT TO THE CALL FOR THE MEETING
TO ORGANIZE THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AT WHICH THE
STRUCTURE AND DETAIL OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT CAN BE
FINALLY DETERMINED. THE ROAD TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION
IS NOW OPEN. END QUOTE. KISSINGER
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